HOUSE BILL 2849

By DuBois

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to health insurance coverage of formula used as a sole source of nutrition.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 56-7-2368.

(a) Any individual, franchise, blanket or group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society, or health maintenance organization that provides coverage for medical and surgical services, and that is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed on or after January 1, 2009, shall also provide coverage for formula used as a sole source of nutrition.

(b)

- (1) This section does not apply to medicare supplemental policies. This section shall not apply to policies that provide only hospital indemnity benefits or to policies that provide only benefits for specified accidents.
- (2) The issuer of the specified disease policy has the burden of proving that the insured has other insurance that covers maternity care to the extent guaranteed by this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

This act shall apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2009.